



#10 11th August 2023

Dargaville High School

Tēnā tātou katoa

Yesterday and today have been our Academic Coaching interviews, which are an opportunity to discuss progress towards goals set earlier in the year and to look at possible subject choices for next year.

On the 29th of July, the school was the venue for the annual Senior Ball. The hall was transformed, with exquisite decorations matching the theme of Cloud 9. Students also looked fantastic and a number of them arrived in style. Overall it was a very successful night due to the work of a number of staff and students. A big thank you to Ms Sage, Mrs Butterworth and student leaders (particularly the Arts Prefects) for their organisation as well as the Dargaville Scouts for their catering.

Last week we welcomed 5 students from Yakushima, Japan. Over the last couple of weeks, the students have done a variety of activities based at school as well as a number of excursions to local museums and places of significance. The group are at school until Monday 14 August. Thank you again to the families that have provided the homestays and particular thanks to Mr Prentice for organising the programme as well as to Mr Grant for working with the students.

Also last week, our school hosted the annual Quad Tournament, which involves students from our school, Otamatea High School, Rodney College and Ruawai College- playing in a variety of sports. It was a great day with good competition between the schools. At the end of the day, Otamatea High School were the outright winners and Dargaville High School were placed second equal.

In a little under a month, our school examinations will be underway. They take place in the week starting September 4 and these examinations are important as a pointer of preparedness for the external examinations in November. Students should be underway with regular revision.

As I spoke about in the last newsletter, our focus on attendance continues, as does showing respect. Respect, in a nutshell, is about treating other people how you want to be treated yourself. This includes greeting people and saying please as well as thank you makes a big difference.

Nāku nā

Mike Houghton
Tumuaki

SCHOOL BALL 2023

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Yakushima Exchange

The Yukushima exchange students arrived last week and have been having busy immersing themselves in New Zealand culture,

They have visited many Kaipara tourist destinations and also participated in lessons at school.



24/7 Youthwork

Congratulations to our 24/7 Youth Worker, Melanie Russell, for winning 2023 Youth Worker of the Year. Melanie has been involved with our school in a Youth Worker capacity for the last 16 years. She has worked tirelessly with our students, from arranging activities to attending school camps and trips.

Thank you for all your hard work and your commitment to our students. We look forward to having you at our school for years to come.



Interhouse Sport

Chess

1st Tahir Te'o (St Davids)
2nd Jaydee Taurua (St Andrews)
3rd Troy Imms (St Patricks)

Senior Mixed Fast5

1st St Davids
2nd St Andrews
3rd St George
4th St Patricks

Junior Mixed Fast5

1st St George
2nd St Andrews
3rd St Davids
4th St Patricks



Motocross

Logan Steed—Sports Coordinator

On Friday 4 August, we had a team of students attend the Northland Secondary Schools MX Challenge at Ruakaka MX Track. The team had a great day and from the 27 schools entered, DHS ranked 8th.

Results (in their classes):

Emma Talijancich 11th
Alex Talijancich 6th
Matty Douglas 7th
Sean Simons 15th
Cooper Hill 16th



Quad Tournament 2023

Logan Steed—Sports Coordinator

On Thursday 3 August, we hosted teams from Ruawai College, Otamatea High School and Rodney College for the annual Quad Tournament in which our four schools battle it out in several different codes. The tournament allows us to connect and build relationships with other kura through friendly competition. This year the codes contested were basketball, turbo touch, netball, volleyball, 7-a-side football, chess and the WOD relay. Our students and staff did a great job hosting and representing our school and can be proud of the massive effort they each put in. The day ended with an intense 4-person WOD relay (200m swim, 1km run, 50 deadlifts, 40 burpees over the bar) where we came back to take 2nd place. Unfortunately, we weren't able to grab the overall win with Otamatea High School taking it out for 2023. We came tied 2nd with Rodney College and Ruawai College came 4th.

DHS Results

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| Basketball | 3rd |
| Turbo Touch | 1st |
| Netball | 3rd |
| Volleyball | 3rd |
| 7-a-side Football | 3rd |
| Chess | 1st |
| WOD Relay | 2nd |
| Overall | 2nd= |



Careers Corner

Julie Chiaroni—Careers Advisor

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Year 10, 11 and 12 students

Are you interested in hands on work, trades, armed forces, like working with tools and machines ??

There will be 9 to 10 stations with hands on activities such as tool use, problem solving and the students will rotate through the different stations running here at

**Dargaville High School
WEDNESDAY 30 August**

Automotive, Fencing, Power Tools, Construction, Electrical, Landscaping, Fabrication Engineering (welding), Defence Forces and Plumbing.


Please give your name to Ms Chiaroni as soon as possible if you would like to attend.


HAUORA TAIWHENUA AND STUDENTS OF RURAL HEALTH AOTEAROA

RURAL HEALTH CAREERS PROGRAMME

INTERESTED IN A HEALTH CAREER?
WANNA LEARN HOW TO USE REAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT?
COME MEET OUR TERTIARY HEALTH STUDENTS!

Our tertiary students are excited to show you how to use a variety of different health equipment, tell you all about studying at Uni or Polytech and answer any questions you may have about pursuing a health career!

WE'LL SEE YOU THERE  **WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**



Project Pest

Jocelyn Hodgson—Gateway Coordinator

The Project Pest Management assessment day run by NRC was held at the beginning of this term at Kai iwi Lakes.

Eight senior students completed the course, which involved theory units on Pest Management and practical sessions on Possum skinning, machine plucking, and setting traps for possums, stoats/rats etc.



Diary Dates

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| Tuesday 15th August | Senior Netball Champs |
| Tuesday 15th August To Thursday 17th August | Spaceward Bound |
| Thursday 17th August | Music Mentor in School Police Academy Gun Range Trip |
| Friday 18th August | Music Mentor in School Mufti Day (\$2) Senior Boys Basketball Cup Northtec Student for a Day |
| Monday 21st August | Head Student Hui Tutamoe Kaihu Cycle Trail |
| Tuesday 22nd August | Junior Netball Cup Evolution School of Beauty Visit |
| Wednesday 23rd August | Senior Option Forms returned |
| Thursday 24th August | Police Academy Gun Range Trip Rugby League Kiwi Tag |

Congratulations!

To past Dargaville High School students who have recently graduated from Victoria University in Wellington.

Amy de Bruin—Bachelor of Commerce

Hannah de Bruin—Graduate Diploma in Teaching

(Working as a Maths teacher in Wellington)

Luke Sommerville—BE Honours

First Class Honours Software Engineering

Dean's Report

Richard Amoroa—Year 12 Dean

We are coming into some very important periods for our Year 12 students; namely:
Academic Coaching, Senior Practice Exams and Applications for Leadership Positions for 2024.

Academic Coaching: By the time you receive this, the Academic Coaching days would have concluded. This is a critical time in the students' year as it allows them to assess where they are currently at and what needs to be done to achieve their academic goals before Senior Study Leave in Term 4. It also allows teachers, Deans and parents to meet and share important information that will assist with their kids' success. If you missed the opportunity to meet with the form teacher over the previous two days, make contact with the school and book a time that suits you.

Week 8 will be dedicated to Senior Practice Exams. Please encourage your kids to revise/study. These exams are important; if for some legitimate reason a student cannot attend an End of Year Exam, their grade is derived from these practice exams. So, doing well now could be critical in the near future.

Leadership positions for 2024: Application forms are available now for any Year 12 students. I am looking forward to being part of the team that selects Dargaville High School's leaders for next year. Alana at front office distributes and collects all applications. Best wishes to all that have applied.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2024

**Friday 25th August -
Applications Close**

**Friday 1st September
Shortlisting -**

**Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th
September -
Interviews**

